

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 22, 1982

and

Tuesday, November 23, 1982

**JAMES FARRELLY
CHAIRMAN**

New Orleans, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Chairman Jesse Knowles, presiding:

Members present:

Mr. Wayne Ducote
Mr. James Farrelly
Mr. J. C. Gilbert
Mr. Charles Riggs

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was present.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Jesse Knowles, on Monday November 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

A roll call of members present was taken.

Invocation was offered by Mr. James Farrelly.

A motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that Charles H. Lawrence, Jr., be granted a renewal of permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, between Mile 406.0 AHP, along the Togo Island Bar and adjacent to land owned by the applicant, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution if
here made part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Charles H. Lawrence, Jr., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, between Mile 406.0 AHP, along Togo Island Bar and adjacent to land owned by applicant, for a period of one year from November 23, 1982 to November 23, 1983, at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

A motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that Louisiana Materials Co., Inc. be granted a renewal of permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, at Mile post 124.5 to 125, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Louisiana Materials Co., Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, Mile Posts 124.5 to 125, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from November 23, 1982 to November 23, 1983 at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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A motion was made by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, to prohibit netting in Bundicks Lake.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

RULE

WHEREAS, Bundicks Lake is a relatively small impoundment of approximately 1700 acres, with an average depth of about 5 feet making gamefish populations extremely vulnerable to netting, and

WHEREAS, commercail fish populations are very low except for a moderate catfish population which is harvested primarily and adequately with slat traps and trotlines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of netting in Bundicks Lake, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

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The following people appeared and made statements before the Commission, concerning the new seismic and right-of-way fees proposed by the Department:

Mr. Frank Fowler, Petty Ray Geophysical
Mr. D. A. Henkhaus, Exxon
Mr. Tim Rigsby, G.S.I. Geophysical
Mr. Bo Fennell, Exxon
Mr. Martin Richard, Texaco
Mr. Robert J. Hyde, Amoco
Mr. C. D. Simons, Shell Pipeline Co.

The Commission will discuss increase of these fees after the six month waiting period. During this time each application will be considered on an individual basis; and, in no event shall the fee be less than the fee prior to the implementation of the rule.

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Ron Dugan gave the monthly survey report stating 40 leases were issued, notices were mailed for 233 lease expirations.

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A motion was made by Mr. James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, to manage the remaining portion of the oyster season on public seed grounds.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, R. S. 56:433, E allows the Commission to hold a public hearing to consider the closure of the oyster season and size regulation on the "public Oyster Seed Grounds" after January 1 of each year;

WHEREAS, the Department biologist, surveyed the "Oyster Seed Grounds" in the state finding heavy fishing pressure and few oysters remaining in Coastal Study Area II and these should be protected as a source of seed for the 1983-1984 season;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a size limitation of three (3) inches on commercial harvesting of oysters from the "Oyster Seed Grounds" be reinstated for the remainder of the 1982-1983 season;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the area incorporated within the island masses bounded on the outside by Lonesome Island, Stone Island, Curfew Point, the area also known as Bay Craba be closed on January 1, 1983 and remain closed for the remaining portion of the season,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other "Oyster Seed Grounds" and "Oyster Seed Reservations" will close April 1 as indicated by R.S. 56:433;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary has the authority to close all the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds" should enforcement problems develop;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Commission action affects the leased area of the state.

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Mr. Charles Riggs request that a study be done, by the Seafood Division, to determine if trawling over oyster seed grounds is detrimental to the oyster beds.

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Mr. J. C. Gilbert nominated Mr. James Farrelly for the position of Chairman. Mr. Wayne Ducote moved that Mr. Farrelly be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Charles Riggs nominated Mr. Wayne Ducote for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. J. C. Gilbert moved that Mr. Ducote be elected by acclamation.

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The January Board Meeting will be January 24 and 25 in Baton Rouge.

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Dr. Ford stated that the Seafood Division would look into the possibility of extending the oyster lease moratorium and report back to the Commission.

Mr. James Farrelly moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by
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